

# Ripley County Council Meeting

March 18, 2024

Councilman President, Ron Decker, opened the County Council Meeting with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Ron Decker, President, Katie Bailey, Stan Wiedeman, Andrew Decker, Peg Ehlers, Diane Macek, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. David Tebbing was absent.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the February 20, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes and 1 absent.

| <b>Transfers 2024</b> |  |  |   |   |
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| Highway               | \$3,324.00   | 1176.43100.000.0027<br>Hwy Gen/Machinery       | 1176.31300.000.0027<br>Hwy Gen/Auto           | To cover auto insurance.                |
| <b>Note:</b>          | <b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer,<br><b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Diane Macek.<br>Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. |  |   |   |
| Auditor               | \$2,403.00   | 1001.13400.000.0018<br>Cty Gen/Unemployment    | 1001.36400.000.0018<br>Cty Gen/Liability Ins  | To cover aviation insurance.            |
| <b>Note:</b>          | <b>Motion:</b> Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b><br>Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Katie Bailey, <b>Seconded by</b> Peg Ehlers.<br>Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.     |  |   |   |
| Sheriff               | \$37,824.00  | 1001.11161.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Nurse           | 1001.28200.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Inmate Medical | To pay company for medical for the jail |
| Sheriff               | \$2,894.00   | 1001.12600.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Social Security | 1001.28200.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Inmate Medical | To pay company for medical for the jail |
| Sheriff               | \$4,236.00   | 1001.18100.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Perf            | 1001.28200.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Inmate Medical | To pay company for medical for the jail |
| Sheriff               | \$8,006.00   | 1001.13300.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Group Ins       | 1001.28200.000.0014<br>Cty Gen/Inmate Medical | To pay company for medical for the jail |

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| <b>Note:</b>                     | <b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer,<br><b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Peg Ehlers.<br>Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.              |  |  |
| <b>Additional Appropriations</b> |  |  |  |
| EMA/Council                      | \$52,000.00  | 1170.37800.000.0000<br>Public Safety/Contractual Services            | For the fire departments and solar eclipse |
| <b>Note:</b>                     | <b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.  |  |  |
| Court Services                   | \$900.00   | 9127.32703.000.0000<br>JDAI "A"/Van Mileage-Maintenance              | Grant money that needs appropriated        |
| <b>Note:</b>                     | <b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. |  |  |
| EMA                              | \$60,000.00  | 8951.41000.000.0000<br>97.067 Homeland Security Grant/Motor Vehicles | Grant to purchase new vehicle for EMA      |
| <b>Note:</b>                     | <b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.  |  |  |

**New Business:**

**Sheriff – Chief Deputy Lee Davidson**

Deputy Davidson brought in a new resolution for the Sheriff’s Commissary. The Council had long discussion on the resolution and wanted some changes made to it before they would approve it. Deputy Davidson stated he would make the changes and bring back to the next meeting.

Deputy Davidson also told Council that he recommended the new EMA position be a full time position.

The Council discussed the EMA position that need filled. They discussed rather it should be full time or part time. They came to an agreement of a full time position with a salary of \$55,000.00.

The Council discussed a vacancy they have on Area and Planning Board.

**Motion:** Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the Doug Smith to the Area and Planning Board,  
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Peg Ehlers, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

**Committee Reports:**

- Economic Development – Andrew Decker - none
- Technology Committee - Katie Bailey - none
- SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek - none
- Solid Waste District - David Tebbing - none
- Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman – none


**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

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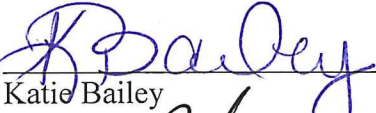
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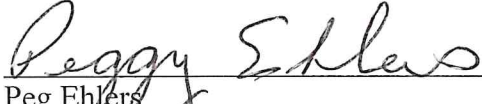
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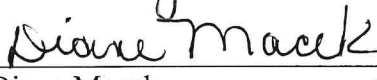
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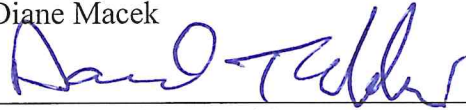
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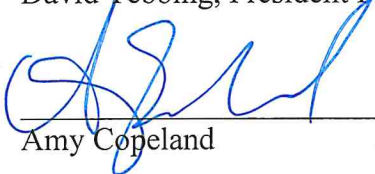
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Auditor, Ripley County

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